

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) An improved concrete saw cutting system of the type employing a circular saw blade and a skid plate, the improvement comprising the inclusion of a low friction polymer shield interfaced between said skid plate and the concrete surface to be sawed, wherein there is spacing between said skid plate and said shield.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently amended) The improved concrete saw cutting system of claim 2 1 wherein said spacing is between the range of one tenth of an inch to half ~~and~~ an inch.
4. (Currently amended) The improved concrete saw cutting system of claim 2 1 wherein said spacing is integrated into the shape of said shield.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) An improved skid plate suitable for use in a concrete saw cutting system comprising a low friction polymer horizontal member ~~interfaced~~ attached to the outside surface of said skid plate with a pair of offset spacers.
7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) The improved concrete saw cutting system of claim 6 wherein said spacers are in the range of one tenth of an inch to half ~~and~~ an inch.

9. (Original) The improved concrete saw cutting system of claim 6 wherein said offset spacers are integrated into the shape of said shield.

10. (Original) The improved concrete saw cutting system of claim 6 wherein said offset spacers comprise a pair of rollers, one each between said shield and said skid plate at each end.

11. (Currently amended) A process of sawing concrete utilizing prior art concrete saws that employ skid plate around saw blade including the step of interfacing a low friction polymer shield between said skid plate and the concrete surface to be sawed, wherein there is spacing between said skid plate and said shield.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) The improved concrete saw cutting system of claim ~~12~~ 11 wherein said spacing is between the range of one tenth of an inch to half ~~and~~ an inch.

14. (Currently amended) The improved concrete saw cutting system of claim ~~12~~ 11 wherein said spacing is integrated into the shape of said shield.